REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following five groups of claims: (1) group I, Claims 1-18 and 32-40; (2) group II, Claims 11-29, 30 and 31; (3) group III, Claims 20-23 and 2; (4) group IV, Claims 24-28; and (5) group V, Claim 29.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of group II in this application (*i.e.*, claims 11-19, 30, and 31 drawn to a nucleic acid vector, host cells and methods of using host cells, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1). In order to expedite prosecution and advance the case towards issuance, Applicant has cancelled non-elected claims 1-10, 20-29, and 32-40, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$190.00 which includes the fee for a two-month extension. If the enclosed fee is incorrect, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2475 for the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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